

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church



May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. ~ Psalm 27



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OUR PARISH MISSION

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

-Mission Statement

Church Hours

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 2:45 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
in Seton Chapel (Convent)
Monday through Friday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Next Weekend's Schedule

Saturday, May 23rd

5:00 PM - Fr. Patrick

7:30 PM (Spanish) - Fr. Charline

(Saturday Evening 5 PM Mass will be livestreamed.)

Sunday, May 24th

8:00 AM - Msgr. Walden

10:00 AM - Fr. Jerry

12 noon - Fr. Francis

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walden

*Presider subject to change. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

Reverend Patrick M. Riegger

Pastor

Reverend Charline Vendredy

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Francis Lasrado

Retired, In Residence

Reverend Jerry DiSpigno

Parish Assistant

Reverend Peter D'Abele

Parish Assistant

John Pettorino

Deacon

Michael Hoonhout

Deacon

Ed Grieb

Deacon

Katie Waller

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Heather Crayne

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Carolyn Lapham

Director of Family Ministries

Michelle Pirraglia

Director of Faith Formation

Angela Werner

Director of Music Ministry

Pastoral Team

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School (on the campus of SJE)

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Dawn Waller, Principal

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Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

6 - 8 PM Spanish-speaking support.

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Please call before visiting any parish offices.

Office Hours

Mass Schedule

Confession Schedule

We celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday - Friday: After the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM &

7:00 - 7:15 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 5:30 - 5:45 PM

Confessions will take place in Our Lady's
Chapel in the Church.

A Reflection from our Pastor, Fr. Patrick ...

Jesus' Universal Prayer ~ John's Gospel, Chapter 17 Joy, Unity and Glory



In **John's gospel**, all of chapter 17 is dedicated to the Lord's final prayer for His disciples of all ages. This prayer, which is unique to John alone, is also known as the Lord's Universal Prayer. Just shortly before His arrest in chapter 18, and just after His farewell address to His disciples that took place after the washing of the feet, Jesus offers this historic prayer for all of humanity. He is thinking of us and our well-being when reciting this prayer. Knowing what was in store for Him, an agonizing and shameful death, Jesus is turning to God with complete trust and faith in His love and providence for His people.

This prayer also reassures us of Jesus' complete love for us. He is turning to God in faith knowing that His hour has arrived to glorify God once and for all through His passion, death and resurrection! His prayer to God during the last supper discourse sums up His purpose in this world and His complete love and concern for humanity – that He may remain faithful to the end, and that His disciples may be swept up into God's love and be kept safe from the evil one. He prays that His disciples may live in peaceful unity with God.

Now that Jesus has revealed to His disciples in words and action all that has been given to Him by the Father, He is ready to hand over His life for our salvation. Knowing that His task is complete in revealing the fullness of God's love for humanity in His words and actions, He is now ready to glorify God through His suffering, death and resurrection – in bringing the world the forgiveness of sins, life everlasting!

Here in John's gospel, chapter 17, Jesus prays for His disciples. He prays that they may follow in His footsteps in giving testimony to God for future generations – in revealing God's precious love for humanity. He prays that they may be one as He is one with the Father through holiness and mission. He prays for their ongoing conversion. He prays that they may be strengthened in their faith and remain obedient to God's word and commandments. He prays that they may lead others to holiness and reflect the oneness of love that exists between the Father and the Son.

In general, this universal prayer is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago when

Jesus was alone with His disciples in the Upper Room on that first Holy Thursday when preparing them for their hour in going forth. In actuality, this prayer is divided into three parts. The first part, Jesus is asking God that He may remain faithful to the end in glorifying Him before the entire world. The second part of this universal prayer is dedicated to His closest disciples who will share in His mission and continue the work of redemption after His ascension into heaven. He prays for their protection and willingness to remain strong in giving witness to God's word and love to all.

Finally, the third part of this prayer is dedicated to all of His disciples of all ages, including you and I, that we too may follow in His footsteps, like His first disciples did in bearing witness to the truth. He prays for all of His disciples in every generation until the end of time that we may remain one with God in our love for Him and one another. He prays that we may never waiver away from the faith or be separated from Him and His Father.

In summary, this prayer is filled with hope and joy that comes from celebrating Easter. It is reassuring. It reminds us how Jesus cares for us and looks out for us. It reveals how God wants to share His life with us when we remain in His love. It is clear from this universal prayer that we belong to God and to God alone. It is evident just how much God wants to be a part of our lives, and how important it is for us to remain in His love and share in our Lord's mission in revealing His glory and love to others.

Today's prayer prepares us for next weekend's feast, the Feast of Pentecost, which marks the conclusion of another Easter celebration. Hopefully today's prayer will allow us to reflect more on God's saving love found in our Risen Lord who loved us to the very end.

Hopefully we will have some time this week to prepare our hearts once again to receive and be renewed in the Holy Spirit so that, together as one, we can remain one with God and help our Lord renew the face of the earth.

Masses for the Week...

Weekly Offertory Envelope Update

Saturday, May 16th Easter Weekday

- 8:00 AM John Enright
- 5:00 PM Joanne Cavalieri
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 17th Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Mary Theresa Pennachio
- 10:00 AM Kristen Bigora
- 12:00 Noon Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- 6:00 PM John R. Klaus IV

Monday, May 18th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Special Intention-Chuck Westergard
- 12:00 Noon Thomas Capone

Tuesday, May 19th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Margaret Nardone
- 12:00 PM Christopher Bowman

Wednesday, May 20th Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Robert Maldonado
- 12:00 Noon Josephine Giambalvo

Thursday, May 21st Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Rachel Rose Slomowitz
- 12:00 Noon Katy Dyer and her brother Jack Dyer

Friday, May 22nd Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Mona DeSesa
- 12:00 Noon Margaret Nardone

Saturday, May 23rd Easter Weekday

- 8:00 AM Frank Creamer Jr.
- 5:00 PM Joanne Cavalieri
- 7:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 24th Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 AM Mary Dolan
- 10:00 AM Sister Eileen Martin
- 12:00 Noon Jack Dyer and his sister Katy Dyer
- 6:00 PM Carl and Antoinette Woronka

We would like to inform our parishioners that there continues to be a delay in the delivery of weekly offertory envelopes from Cathedral Letter Concepts. Unfortunately, due to ongoing equipment issues and production delays, the disruption has now extended into another month.

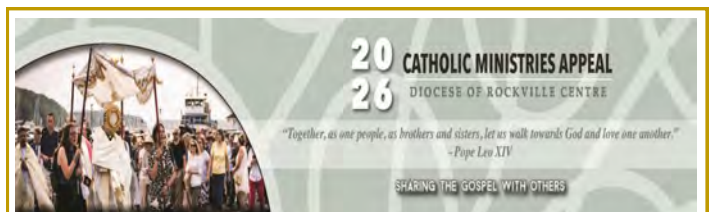
Cathedral Letter Concepts has assured parishes that their staff is working extended hours, including weekends, to restore normal delivery schedules as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, plain envelopes may be used for your weekly offertory donations. Please be sure to clearly print your name and envelope number, if known, on the envelope to ensure proper credit.

Parishioners may also make their offertory donations online by visiting the parish website and clicking the "Giving" link located at the top right corner of the homepage.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued generosity during this time.

PARISH WEEKLY DONATIONS			
Average Weekly from January 1, 2026 to present.			
Year	Total	# of Weeks	Average Weekly
2026	\$338,513	19	\$17,816
2025	\$333,017	19	\$17,527



As of 5/12/2026	2026	2025
New Parish Goal	\$120,855	\$115,100
Number of Donors	134	140
Total Pledged to date	\$60,445	\$65,895
Percent of Goal	50%	56.4%

Supporting the CMA helps to support SJE! We receive back 20% of whatever is raised below the goal. If we go above the goal, we also receive 80% of all monies that are raised above the goal!
Please help us go above the goal!



*Please join us as we celebrate
25 years of priesthood
for our pastor,*

Fr. Patrick

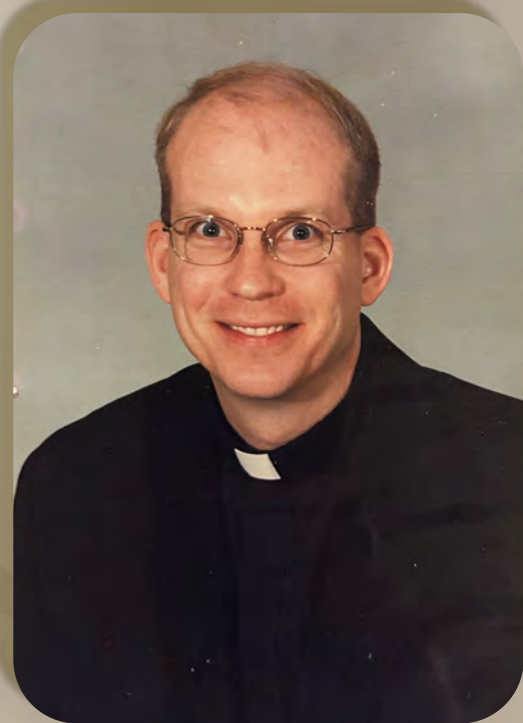
Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 7, 2026

at 12 Noon in the church

*Reception and Jubilee Blessings
to follow in the Parish Auditorium.*

*Together, let us celebrate this
joyful occasion with
grateful hearts for
twenty-five years of faithful
service, spiritual leadership
and devoted ministry.*



Ordination: June 9, 2001

We pray for our Service Members

We honor and remember the following men and women for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving care. Protect and bless them and their families for their selfless service. We give thanks for all veterans and pray for those currently serving at home and abroad.

United States Army

Monaghan, Justin — Private Second Class
O'Neill, Aidan — Second Lieutenant
Smith, David — Private First Class
Valentin, Steven — Private First Class
Williams, Cara — Private

United States Marine Corps

Abbatiello, Michael — Lance Corporal
Berkemeyer, Evan — Lance Corporal
Brady, Sean — Private First Class
Casey, Sean — Sergeant
Cestare, Joseph — Sergeant
Deshler II, Kevin W. — Corporal
Montemarano, Quentin — Sergeant
Toscanini, Kyle — Private First Class
Walther, Christopher — Second Lieutenant

United States Navy

Casey, Andrew R. — Engineman Third Class
Esposito Jr., Christopher J. — Machinist's Mate Nuclear First Class
Montoya Rivera, Angel Gabriel — Electronics Technician Seaman
Nolan Jr., Jeremiah — Electronics Technician Second Class
Paduana, Michael — Seaman
Raeihle, Christian — Seaman
Ruggiero, Ralph J. — Ensign
Taylor III, Thomas — Seaman Apprentice
Walsh, Jack Patrick — Seaman

United States Air Force

Auciello, Anthony — Senior Airman
Casey, Andrew R. — Technical Sergeant
Giese, David — Technical Sergeant
Hayes, Brenden M. — Airman First Class
Hermes, Jason — Technical Sergeant
Hermes, Sabrina — Technical Sergeant
Kerstiens, Claudia — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Kyle — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Ryan — Staff Sergeant
Kerstiens, Timothy — Technical Sergeant
McCauley II, William E. — Staff Sergeant
McGrath, Claire — First Lieutenant
Pfister, James — Airman First Class
Rosato, Jared T. — Senior Airman
Sferrazza, Salvatore — Lieutenant Colonel
Traina, Peter A. — Airman First Class

United States Coast Guard

Bernath, Brendan J. — Boatswain's Mate Third Class
Donohue, Keith — Captain



*If you would like a loved one to be remembered in our **Military Prayer List**, please call the rectory at **631.878.0009** or email rectory@sjecm.org. We will lift their intentions to God, asking for protection, strength, and peace for all who serve and their families.*

*A Patriotic Rosary
for Our Nation*

1776
250th Anniversary
2026

Join us as we come together in faith and gratitude to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country (1776-2026) on the First of July with a special Patriotic Rosary.

As a parish family, we will lift our hearts in prayer for our nation giving thanks for the blessings of freedom, remembering those who have sacrificed for it, and entrusting the future of our country to God's providence. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, we will pray for unity, peace, and a renewed commitment to live out the Gospel in our land.

One Nation Under God. God Bless America.

All are invited to take part in this meaningful and prayerful celebration of faith and country.

If you would like to assist in planning or participating in this special event, please contact the Rectory at rectory@sjecm.org. *More details to follow.*



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Dianne Lovoti
Joseph Martino

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the Lord grant them comfort, strength, and healing.

Fr. Peter D'Abele	Diane Valero
Charles McIntosh	Rachel Tekula
Bill Hasper	John Harberger
Mark Havens	Kevin Keane
James Patrick Lapham	Dorothea Biamonte
Father Gil Lap	

If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org

ALTAR BREAD & WINE INTENTIONS

For the month of May, the Altar Bread and Wine are offered for the repose of the soul of:

Robert Dunn

Prayer and Remembrance

At SJE, we offer parishioners many ways to remember loved ones or honor someone living through the offering of votive and altar candles, as well as altar bread and wine. These offerings create a visible sign of prayer and devotion while supporting the life of our parish.

Votive candles illuminate the beautiful statues throughout our church, including the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As these candles burn, they bring light to our sacred space and invite quiet reflection, inspiring deeper moments of prayer and trust in God.

Both votive candles and altar candles may be offered for \$25 per week. Altar bread and wine may be offered for \$250 per month. The names of those remembered or honored through these offerings will be listed in the parish bulletin during the month.

To make an offering, please visit or contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email rectory@sjecm.org. May these candles be a sign of hope, remembrance, and prayer for all who gather in our church.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5
Website: <https://sjecmff.blogspot.com/>
faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org
Office Hours: By Appointment Only



Last month, our "Family of Faith" participants in grades 1-6 learned about the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders. Deacon Ed Grieb presented the session and presided over the renewal of vows of four couples who participate in our program. We also walked through what an Ordination looks like, thanks to several volunteers who acted it out! We look forward to seeing everyone's "GOD SIGHTINGS" summer projects! (If you did not receive your child's summer project at the closing prayer service, it is posted on our Faith Formation website).



2025-26 FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDARS for all our programs are available on the Faith Formation page of our parish website. sjecm.org (click on "Faith Formation")

LEVEL 7 (Confirmation Prep Year 1):

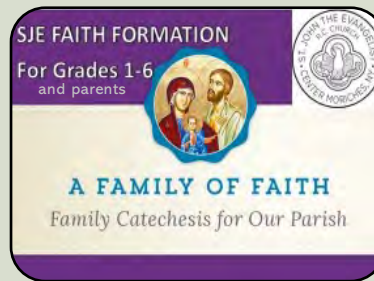
Sponsor/Candidate Night

Monday, June 1 at 7:00 PM in the Church

Sponsors should bring their completed sponsor form to the service. If there is an extenuating circumstance and the sponsor cannot attend, a parent/guardian can attend the service in their place.

LEVEL 8 (Confirmation Prep Year 2):

We will contact all our Level 8 families via email once we receive a Confirmation date from the Bishop's office. Once that is confirmed, we will send out our Fall dates for our "Fearless" Fall program for those receiving Confirmation in the Fall of 2026. (This program also includes Catholic school students who will be entering 9th grade in the Fall). Questions? Email us at confirmation@sjecm.org.



Family of Faith: UPDATE

We hope to see you at Mass! Be sure to register for our program in mid-June-August! Check our website for the "GOD SIGHTINGS" Summer Project handout if you did not receive it at the closing prayer services!

Level 6 Families: Don't forget to complete your Confirmation Application by June 30! A link to the online application was emailed to all Level 6 families along with a letter explaining our Confirmation program. Questions? Email us at confirmation@sjecm.org.

REGISTRATION 2026-27 - BEGINS IN JUNE! (NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS)

Please check the parish and/or Faith Formation websites for details on registration for the 2026-27 academic year, which will begin mid-June! Our program begins when students enter first grade!

SJE Family Life Ministry

Our next
Sandwich Sunday
is scheduled for...

This Sunday



We meet @ 11:00 am in the school cafeteria, after the 10am Mass. Come feed the hungry by making PB & J sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join SJE
Holy Grounds Ministry



Let's grow something beautiful together

in faith, in service, and in love for our parish home.

We're still looking for more families, ministries, and individuals to join this joyful effort. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just looking for a meaningful way to serve, there's a spot waiting for you!

- If you cared for a spot last year and would like to keep it, you must contact us to confirm before beginning any planting.
- If you're new or would like to take over a garden area, we'd love to hear from you.
- All volunteers must contact the parish office or email garden@sjecm.org before doing any planting.

This helps us assign areas properly and ensure the whole parish is beautifully cared for.

Thank you to those who have already reached out—we're so grateful for your willingness to help care for our parish grounds!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PSM Office 631.878.0009 ext. 120

Email: socialministry@SJECm.org

THRIFT SHOP

Our shop is open every Wednesday from 9 AM - 12 PM. We feature new and gently used clothing, housewares, toys and more at fantastic prices. Please visit and find an amazing gift for someone or something special for yourself! The proceeds are used to support SJE parish social ministry outreach programs benefiting those in need.



Our jewelry counter at the Thrift Shop could always use donations. If you are doing some spring cleaning and would like to donate, please drop off items directly into the shop on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Thank you!

ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's Place Food Pantry is open to serve those in need in our community on Monday's from 6:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to serve when we're open or to help re-stock and organize our pantry shelves, please call to join us!



STREET MINISTRY

Every Thursday night our Street Ministry team provides a hot meal, bagged lunch, toiletries, clothing, coats, blankets and shoes to those in great need. Our donation bin is located in Fellowship Hall at the entrance of Church. If you'd like to be a part of our Street Ministry team or help sort and organize donations, we'd love to have you to join us! Please call the Parish Social Ministry office to get started.



Street Ministry donations requested:

- ♥ Men's Jeans sizes 32-36 gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's new underwear
- ♥ Men's and Women's new tube socks
- ♥ Single razors and small shaving cream
- ♥ Men's and Women's Shorts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's T-shirts gently used
- ♥ Men's and Women's Sneakers gently used



Thank you to Emma Stork from Girl Scout Troop 4000 for the great idea of organizing, collecting, and dropping off birthday bags to give out to the children of our guests at Ernie's Place! Contributing were Troops 2534, 693, 1965, 4000 and 1317 of Service Unit 65. They all came to together to help those in need have a bright birthday! Thank you!



This month's Community Meal will be held on Monday 5/18 at 6 PM in the Parish Auditorium. If you know of an individual or family in need, please invite them to join us for a delicious, sit-down meal!

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.

*May Crowning of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*



Sunday, May 31st

during the 10:00 AM Mass in the Church

Would you like to get connected at St. John's

If you are interested in volunteering here at St. John's, but not sure what you'd like to do, just scan the QR code below and provide us with some basic information and someone from our pastoral team will contact you. You can also email us at connect@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office (631) 878-0009 and leave your name and phone number and we will call you back.

- Faith Formation
- Altar Linens
- Thrift Shop
- Lectors
- Holy Grounds - Garden Ministry
- Street Ministry
- Community Meal
- Family Life Ministry
- Martha & Company
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Ministry of Consolation
- Ernie's Place (Food Pantry)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Altar Servers and more!



Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

*Monday - Friday from
3:00 - 7:00 PM
Seton Chapel + In the Convent of
St. John the Evangelist*

Father Dennis Suglia, will be celebrating his 15th year of Priesthood at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Islip, NY.



Celebration for Fr. Dennis
June 13th
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: St. Bernadette Hall

All are welcome to attend the 5 PM mass with Fr. Dennis. Reception immediately following. To help make our celebration complete, we are requesting that parishioners planning to attend, please bring in a dessert, finger food or fruit. We can only accommodate room temperature food. Thank you.

Bereavement Support...

Grieving is a natural process each of us goes through after the death of a loved one. While no one can take away our sadness, others can help by listening and caring. Sharing our feelings with others who have experienced the death of a loved one help many people begin the healing process.

*Grief never ends but it changes.
It is a passage, not a place to stay.
It is not a sign of weakness,
nor a lack of faith.
Grief is the price of love.*

Saturday mornings - 10:30 AM to 12 Noon
First floor meeting room in the Barn.
REGISTRATION: Contact the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or via email at Rectory@sjecm.org
\$10 donation for the workbook.



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KofC Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

The Officers and Members of the Knights of Columbus Council extend their sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish for your continued generosity and support. Through your kindness, we have been able to assist many individuals, families, ministries, and charitable organizations within our community and beyond.

- St. John the Evangelist Church and its ministries
- Catholic Ministries / SJE Summer Appeal
- American Legion
- Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
- Birthright
- Bridge for Peace
- Hope House Ministries
- March for Life
- Scouting America
- Catholic Education – Our Lady Queen of Apostles School, including three \$500 scholarships
- Life Center of LI
- Stony Brook Veterans Home
- Special Olympics
- Bridge to Life
- Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck
- Sisters of Life
- East End Hospice
- Long Island Coalition for Life
- Helping Makes U Happy

And many other local charitable and community organizations.

"Where there is a need, there is a Knight!"

The Knights also proudly sponsored and supported several important programs throughout the year, including:

FOOD FOR FAMILIES - Over 8,000 pounds of food collected for Ernie's Place

COATS FOR KIDS - 144 winter coats distributed locally through Parish Social Ministry

RSVP Seminarian Support - \$1,400 in grants provided to seminarians of the DRVC

Assist and Support After Pregnancy Program - Nearly \$4,000 donated to life-affirming programs

COR – Men's prayer group and retreat support

Keep Christ in Christmas initiatives and numerous additional charitable, spiritual, and prayer programs

Thank you once again for helping us continue our mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

To the men of the parish: please consider becoming a Knight and joining us in service to our Church and community. Scan the QR Code below!



Knights of Columbus



A Message from Monsignor Walden...



We live in a world of constant and instant communication. Some messages bring us joy, some food for thought, some problems, some discouragement, some confusion, some frustration, some hope. But the most life-giving messages are those that bring peace, hope, confidence, and love. The Gospel passage for this Sunday (John 14:15-21) and the past two Sundays have come from the Last Supper Discourse of St. John, chapters 13-17. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these profound words of love: "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

The people who are an intimate part of our lives live in our minds and hearts and we carry them wherever we go. How hopeful, encouraging, and life-giving it is that Jesus wants us to know that we are in Him and He is in us. Living in a competitive and divided world and society, it is all too easy to write one another off, to make our divisions wider, and seek to have our way prevail. History and daily human life makes it clear that the presence of intolerance and division do not bring peace. Jesus did not come to force us to see His point of view or to conquer us and keep us in line. The power of Jesus' presence and love does not conquer or keep us in line, as He says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Where do we find abundance in life? Ultimately abundance comes only when we are loved and accepted for who we are, and love and accept others for who they are. The road to inner and communal peace is paved with reconciliation. Real peace comes not with co-existence, but with mutual love, concern, and respect for who we are - human beings created in the image and likeness of our Creator, God Himself. We are not calm and peaceful because we think we have the upper hand. That is only a continued source of tension

and false security. Jesus was truly at peace with Himself and us because He sought first and last to love us no matter what. He did not conquer, control, threaten, or abandon. His is the way to unity with God, one another and true peace and hope in our minds and hearts.

Peace does not come from avoiding one another or from refusing to sincerely listen to one another. It only comes when we take Jesus' words and presence to heart. To His last human breath, He only spoke words of peace, hope, mercy, and truth. How ironic that the one who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly was innocently condemned to death on the cross. How blessed we are to be able to open our minds and hearts to Him wherever we are, whatever we are doing, and whatever we are saying! How good it is to find time everyday to do that in prayer and to be touched by Him in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist where He comes into our very bodies, minds, and hearts!

I offer Preface IV for Easter for your prayerful reflection:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Knights of Columbus

BINGO

Night

Every Friday
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Games Begin at 7:30 P.M.

\$3000 IN PRIZES

SJE Parish Auditorium

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church." – Pope St. Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi

Join us as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels the Eastern Seaboard in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

While the National Pilgrims rest on Long Island, our Diocese will unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour—offering a meaningful opportunity to spiritually participate in this historic pilgrimage.

President:
Bishop John O. Barres

Preacher:
Fr. Cassian Derbes, O.P.

JUNE 17, 2026
7:00 PM

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2026 Keynote Speaker
S. Ave Clark, OP

Sister Ave Clark, OP is a pastoral counselor and Amityville Dominican Sister for over 60 years. Over 30 years ago she founded Heart to Heart, a ministry of love and healing that began as an inspiration to share prayerful moments in creative ways. Reaching all walks of life, S. Ave shares spiritual retreats and evenings of prayer for parishes, diocesan agencies, and those in need. Her ministry prayer-line and website go across the United States and beyond. S. Ave helps women and children fleeing domestic violence and provides compassionate care and counselling for those in distress. A prolific writer, she has authored numerous books and articles, celebrating the blessings of goodness.

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 269 or <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2026luncheon>.



Men's Prayer Group...

CALLING ALL MEN!

Come join the Totus Tuus Men's Prayer Group on **Saturday mornings at 9 AM** in the Convent. Join as us as we learn to follow the example of St. Joseph and grow in our faith, reflect on the Gospel and have coffee. For more information, please call the rectory office at 631-878-0009.

Women's Group...

Our Women's Group meets Mondays from 10:00–11:30 AM and welcomes newcomers at any time. There are no rules—just a desire to grow in Jesus and enjoy fellowship.

We are reading *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez, reflecting on devotion to the Holy Spirit, His gifts, fruits, and the Beatitudes. Sharing is always optional; we're simply happy you choose to be with us.

There is no charge for the book. Meetings are held in the **IHM Room in the convent (white house next to the school)** and conclude in time to attend the 12:00 PM Mass if you wish.

2026 Meeting Dates:

May 18; June 1, 15 & 29.

(Summer break July & August; resumes in September.)

God Bless you,
Carol & Anita (Moderators)
For info, call **631-878-0009**

Comunidad Hispano...

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en español los sábados a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oración, todos los viernes a las 7:30 PM en la Capilla del Convento Parroquial. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

BAUTISMO:

Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Acta de nacimiento del niño o niña.
2. Certificado de registro de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de la charla prebautismal (OBLIGATORIO para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Segundo domingo a las 14 horas en la Iglesia. Las clases de prebautismo son el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

CASAMIENTO:

Las parejas que planean casarse deben concertar una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de la boda. Esto les dará tiempo suficiente para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame a la oficina.

El personal de la oficina estará disponible para hablar en español de 6 a 8 PM los martes. Asegúrese de llamar antes de venir a visitarnos.
espanol@sjecm.org

Office staff will be available to speak in Spanish from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesdays. Be sure to call before you come and visit.

¡Dejanos ayudarte!

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE ERNIE

Abierto - Lunes 6:30 PM a las 7:30 PM

Jueves 3:00 PM a las 4:00 PM.

TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO

Miércoles - Granero

Miércoles de 9:00 AM a las 12:00 PM.

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Último lunes del mes 6:00 PM

auditorio de la escuela

MINISTERIO DE CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley

7:15 PM (aproximadamente)

Se encuentran disponibles comidas y ropa sencillas.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para quienes lo necesiten. Necesitamos voluntarios bilingües para nuestra despensa de comida. ¡Avísanos si puedes ayudar!



Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 18th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 6:30-7:30 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 7-8 PM Holy Hour to Pray for Priests - SC

Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Divine Will - SC

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM-12 Noon Thrift Shop Open - Thrift Shop
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21st, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-4 PM Food Pantry Open - Ernie's Place
- 3:30-5:30 PM Legion of Mary- BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon - BMR

Friday, May 22nd, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 3-7 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - SC
- 7 PM Narcotics Anonymous - BMR
- 7 PM Spanish Prayer Group - SC
- 7 PM Knights of Columbus - BINGO - AUD

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR
- 9 AM Men's Prayer Group - SC
- 10:30 AM Bereavement Group - BMR

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

- 6:45 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - BMR

BMR - Barn 1st Floor Mtg. Room
 BUR - Barn Upper Room
 SC - Seton Chapel
 AMR - Auditorium Mtg. Room

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